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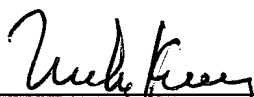
By the above amendment, the specification has been amended so as to update the status of the parent application in the Cross Reference to Related Applications. Additionally, claim 1 has been canceled and new claims 2-9 have been presented for consideration. Further, an abstract more clearly indicative of the claimed invention has been presented.

Also submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement and consideration of these documents is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks and the submission of the Information Disclosure Statement, applicants request favorable action in this application.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.32820CC7) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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